GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3635
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2004
USE OF CRUSHED BODIES OF BEETLES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the carminic acid/cochineal which is derived from the crushed bodies of beetles is one of the ingredients for making cosmetic products as well as various food and beverages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure that products which comprise this ingredients are labelled as non-vegetarian;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Carminic acid/ cochineal are not permitted to be used in making cosmetic or food products under Schedule Q to Drug and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 and PFA Rules, 1955 respectively.

(b) to (c): Does not arise.